



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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March 2, 2005

Tom Butchart, Treasurer
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Jackson, MS 39205

Response Due Date:
April 1, 2005

Identification Number: C00084368

Reference: Year End Report (11/23/04 - 12/31/04)

Dear Mr. Butchart:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-The Detailed Summary Page, on Line 18(a) Column A of your 2004 12 Day Pre-General, 30 Day Post-General, and Year-End Reports combined, discloses \$91,000.00 in transfers from the non-federal account for allocated activity for the reporting period. However, Line 21 (a)(ii) Column A of these reports combined discloses \$77,850.00 as the non-federal share for allocated activity for the reporting period. While the non-federal account is permitted to transfer funds to the federal account for allocated activity, transfers for allocated activity must be made within a 70-day time period: no more than 10 days before or 60 days after the payment to the vendor. 11 CFR §§106.6(e)(2) and 106.7(f)(2) Please clarify the nature of the transfers-in from the non-federal account.

The Commission recommends that you immediately transfer back to the non-federal account, the total excessive amount which was received by your federal account outside the 70-day time period. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule H4 of your report discloses voided or returned checks for expenditures made during this or previous reporting periods. Please clarify

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if and when these checks were reissued. If they were not reissued, please clarify the steps your committee has taken to account for the federal portion of these voided or returned checks in order to avoid the acceptance of a prohibited in-kind contribution.

-Schedule H2 indicates the allocation ratio for "VICTORY 2004" was revised during the reporting period. Please provide the date of the fundraising program or event. In the case of a telemarketing or direct mail campaign, the "date" is the last day of the telemarketing campaign, or the day on which the final direct mail solicitations are mailed. 11 CFR §§106.6(d)(2) and 106.7(d)(4)(ii). In the event that an excessive non-federal transfer was received, the excessive amount should be transferred back to your non-federal account.

-On Schedule H4, your allocated activity or event year-to-date total calculations for the Administrative category are incorrect. Allocated activity or event year-to-date totals for administrative, voter drive and exempt activity costs are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year for each separate category, not by individual purpose such as "Utilities" or "Rent". Please amend your report by providing the correct event year-to-date totals.

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule H4 of your report to clarify the following descriptions: "GOTV." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

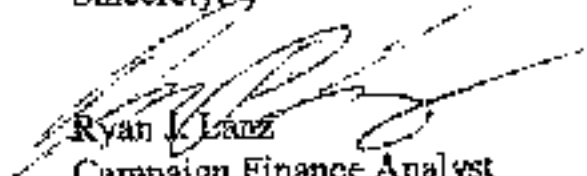
Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please

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contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1399.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan J. Lantz", is written over the typed name.

Ryan J. Lantz
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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